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Wastage of Agro-Food Products
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding percentage of wastage of agricultural food produces in the country during the last three years, product-wise;

(b) the rate of wastage reduction achieved in respect of agricultural produces in the country over the said period through the schemes and programmes of the Government; and

(c) whether any new initiatives is under the consideration of the Government to identify regions of high wastage due to poor infrastructure for processing of agricultural produces so as to address the issues and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) & (b): Assessment of wastage of agricultural food produces has not been done on annual basis. The Government commissioned a study titled "Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Livestock Produce in India" through ICAR- Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana in 2010 to assess wastage of agriculture produce. The same study was repeated in 2012, which submitted the report in March 2015. The percentages of post-harvest losses for major produces as assessed by the studies for the years 2005-06 and 2012-13 are as follows:

Crops Cumulative Wastage (Percent)
2005-06 2012-13
Cereals 3.9 − 6.0 4.65 - 5.99
Pulses 4.3 − 6.1 6.36 - 8.41
Oil seeds 2.8 − 10.1 3.08 - 9.96
Fruits & Vegetables 5.8 − 18.0 4.58 - 15.88
Milk 0.8 0.92
Fisheries (Inland) 6.9 5.23
Fisheries (Marine) 2.8 10.52
Meat 2.2 2.71
Poultry meat 3.7 6.74

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country and one of the major objectives of the implementation of such schemes is to reduce the wastage in all regions of the country. Recently, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has re-structured its schemes under the new Central Sector Scheme of KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA having seven components viz (i) Mega Food Park, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Forward and Backward Linkages, (v) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The scheme of Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters under KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA aims at development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach. The KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA has been approved with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore for period 2016-20 co-terminus with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country.